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EMBASSY FINDS REVISED TEXT OF DRAFT NATO/IS REPORT ON
SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA (REFTEL) TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED
AND GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT. OUR SPECIFIC COMMENTS
FOLLOW:

1. PARA THREE: (A) SECOND SENTENCE: SLOVENIAN PARTY WAS
NOT DECAPITATED; PURGED SLOVENE STRONGMAN KAVCIC WAS
PRESIDENT OF REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (I.E., PREMIER),
(B) SENTENCES 4 AND 5: DISMISSALS FROM PARTY AND OTHER
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, SO FAR AS WE KNOW, HAVE CEASED SINCE
PRE-CONGRESS PERIOD. ALTHOUGH LULL MAY NOT LAST INDEFINITELY,
ONLY ACCURATE DESCRIPTION IS TO USE PAST TENSE:
"REFERENCES WERE MADE"; "CENTRES WHICH HAD TO BE WIPED
OUT"; "CENTRES WERE CLAIMED"; PENALTIES.....HAVE BEEN INFLICTED".

2. PARA FOUR, SECOND SENTENCE: PURE MARXISM IS A MISLEADING
TERM TO USE IN THE YUGOSLAV CONTEXT. FOR ONE THING IT MIGHT
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BE CONSTRUED AS IMPLYING A TREND AWAY FROM YUGOSLAV SELF-

MANAGING SOCIALISM TOWARD SOVIET-STYLE ORTHODOXY, WHICH WOULD BE AN ERRONEOUS DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION HERE. SUGGEST INSTEAD STATING AIM IS TO RETURN THE PARTY TO ITS FORMER LEADING ROLE IN THE YUGOSLAV SOCIETY AND TO INJECT MORE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY INTO EDUCATION AND THE MEDIA.

3. PARA FIVE, LAST SENTENCE: DOLANC IS NOW SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LCY.

4. PARA SIX, LAST SENTENCE: "OVER-INVESTMENT" SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "UNDER-INVESTMENT".

5. PARA 10: (A) 4TH SENTENCE: PREFERABLE TO REFER TO "MEMBER" OF PRESIDENCY RATHER THAN "DELEGATE" BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CONFUSION WITH ASSEMBLY SYSTEM (SEE USE OF "DELEGATE" FOLLOWING SENTENCE).

(B) 6TH SENTENCE: CORRECT FORMULATION FOR TITO'S TERM OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC IS "WITHOUT LIMITATION OF MANDATE".

(C) 7TH SENTENCE: SAME FORMULATION HOLDS TRUE OF TITO'S TERM AS LCY PRESIDENT.

6. PARA 14: (A) SECOND SENTENCE: REFERENCE TO "DEEP-SEATED ANTI-SOVIETISM" SEEMS TO US EXAGGERATED IF NOT FALSE EXPRESSION. PHRASE MIGHT BETTER BE PUT: "ITS POLITICAL BASIS-- MARXISM PLUS DETERMINED INDEPENDENCE OF ANY FOREIGN POWER -- MAKES FOR CONSIDERABLE COHESION".

(B) THEIR SENTENCE: PROPER TITLE IS "ALL-PEOPLES' DEFENSE ORGANIZATION". FOR ACCURACY CHANGE REMAINDER OF SENTENCE TO READ: "WHICH WHEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED IS INTENDED TO KEEP THE WHOLE POPULATION IN A PERMANENT STATE OF READINESS".

7. PARA 20: RECOMMEND DELETION OF SECOND SENTENCE AS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE. WHILE YUGOSLAVIA WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO WORK OUT BEST POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH EC AND CEMA AND TO GET AS MUCH OF ITS OWN SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN UP IN CSCE FORUM AS IT CAN, IT SEES "THIRD WORLD" -- AND NOT EUROPE --
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AS ITS OPERATING AREA. "THIRD WORLD" OFFERS SCOPE FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO PLAY ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS OUT OF ALL KEEPING WITH ITS SMALL SIZE AND ITS STILL-DEVELOPING ECONOMY. WHILE YUGOSLAVIA HAS ENCOUNTERED STIFF COMPETITION IN ITS DRIVE FOR NONALIGNED LEADERSHIP, THERE IS NO SIGN AT THIS POINT THAT IT PLANS TO PULL IN ITS HORNS.
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